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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SA: MEETING WITH BLACK AND
PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS

1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS RELAYED BY ACTING ASST SECY TALCOTT
SEELYE ON SEPT 11, I HAVE SET UP MEETINGS WITH BLACK AND
PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS AT THE RESIDENCE AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1500 TO 1630 -- MEETING WITH BLACK LEADERS.

1630 TO 1700 -- FREE TIME.

1700 TO 1830 -- MEETING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS.

2. ALL OF PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS LISTED IN PRETORIA 4093
HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION EXCEPT HARRY OPPENHEIMER WHO
IS OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL NOVEMBER. IN HIS PLACE I SUGGEST
ONE OF TWO POSSIBILITIES: ALBERT MARAIS, PRESIDENT OF THE
HANDELINSTITUT (AFRIKANER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE), OR WILLIAM B.
COETZER, GROUP CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL MINING AND FINANCE CORP.
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KTHE LARGE AFRIKANER MINING CONGLOMERATE AND ONE OF THE BIG

THREE IN MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA). MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO INVITE COETZER FIRST, AND IF HE CANNOT MAKE IT, THEN TURN TO MARAIS. BOTH MEN ARE INFLUENTIAL, HIGHLY RESPECTED AFRIKANER BUSINESSMEN WHO CAN PRESENT THE MORE CONSERVATIVE POINT OF VIEW. COETZER IS THE MORE HIGH-POWERED.

3. ALL OF THE BLACK LEADERS LISTED IN PRETORIA 4092 HAVE BEEN CONTACTED, EXCEPT MR. MAKHAYA AND DR. MANAS BUTHELEZI WHOM WE CANNOT REACH BECAUSE OF THE SOWETO BOYCOTT. ALL THOSE CONTACTED HAVE ACCEPTED EXCEPT MANGOPE AND REDDY WHO PROMISED TO REPLY TOMORROW. DR. MANAS AND BUTHELEZI WILL NOT RPT NOT JOIN YOUR GROUP BUT WILL BE RECEIVED BY BILL ROGERS OR BILL SCHAUFLE AT THE HOTEL.

4. BRAND FOURIE JUST CALLED ON BEHALF OF PM VORSTER TO SAY PM HAS REVIEWED OUR LISTS OF INVITEES SENT HIM BY PIK BOTHA AND SUGGESTS THE ADDITION OF ALBERT MARAIS AND DR. GERRIT VILJOEN TO PRIVATE SECTOR LIST AND MRS. ALATHEA JANSEN TO BLACK LEADERS LIST. MR. MARAIS, WHO WAS ON OUR ALTERNATES LIST, I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2. DR. VILJOEN IS THE RECTOR OF RAND AFRAIKAANS UNIVERSITY (JOHANNESBURG) AND WOULD BE A USEFUL ADDITION. I RECOMMEND WE INCLUDE HIS NAME, MAKING A TOTAL OF ELEVEN IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR GROUP. MRS. JANSEN IS A LOW-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANT WHOM THE GOVERNMENT MADE THE HEAD OF THE COLORED REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL WHEN SONNY LEON WAS FORCED OUT LAST YEAR FOR REFUSING TO IMPLEMENT SAG BUDGET FOR CRC. SHE IS NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE COLORED COMMUNITY AND HAS NO REAL FOLLOWING. AS A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED FIGUREHEAD, HER PRESENCE IN THE GROUP WOULD DETRACT FROM THE PURPOSE YOU SEEK IN MEETING WITH THE BLACK LEADERS. IF YOU SEE A NEED TO ACCOMMODATE THE PM, I WOULD SUGGEST DR. W.J. BERGINS, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL (COLORED) PARTY, WHO WHILE CRITICAL OF THE SAG, ADVOCATES WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. HIS ADDITION WOULD BRING THE TOTAL OF THE BLACK GROUP MEETING WITH YOU TO TEN.
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